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L.A.Q Medical Inspection of schools - Papers Recorded.

Compulsory medical inspection of pupils studying in elementary schools, secondary schools etc.

*227.Q. Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state -

(a) whether medical inspection of pupils is being conducted in any of the schools of this Province, whether under the management of the Government, local body or private agency;

(b) what steps the Government are taking in regard to compulsory and effective medical inspection of pupils in

(i) elementary schools and

(ii) secondary schools; and

(c) whether any differentiation is made or will be made between boys schools and girls schools in regard to this matter?

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-

(a) Yes. In some schools.

(b) & (c) The matter is under consideration.

Sri S. Nagappa:- Sir, from the answer I see, there is not a single basic school in Rayalaseema. Will the Government consider the desirability of opening one school at least in the Rayalaseema districts. (Laughter)

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-

"I am afraid the hon. Member is not looking at the proper question." (Laughter)

Muhammad Raza Khan Sahib Bahadur:- "On a point of order, Sir, When an Hon. Member has given notice of a question, is not it not his right to put the supplementary question. first?"

Mr. Speaker:- "It is not a point of order. I looked at the Lady Member and as I did not see her rising, I called upon another Member to put his supplementary question."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin: "May I know on what lines the Government intend to organize medical inspection in Schools? As the matter has been under consideration for a long time I wish to know whether the Government intend to establish a regular school medical service for medical inspection in schools, whether the Government intend to establish school clinics as recommended by the Bhore Committee and whether the Government intend to charge any fee from the school children who are to be subjected to medical inspection?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-

The Government intend pursuing medical inspection on the lines suggested by the hon. Member."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin:- "May I inquire whether the Government intend to establish medical inspection both in elementary and secondary schools? In view of the fact that those most in need of medical inspection are the children reading in elementary schools, may I inquire whether the Government wish to exclude elementary schools from the scope of medical inspection as was done in 1926, when medical inspection of schools was introduced in this Province?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-

"It is the intention of the Government to introduce medical inspection of pupils in both elementary and secondary schools. But the Government knows it cannot be done all at once but gradually."

H. S. Hussain Sahib Bahadur:- "May I know what the agency employed for medical inspection of schools is?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-
"The Matter is under consideration."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin "May I know whether the Government intend to devise any new method with reference to medical inspection; or they intend to follow the old method of medical inspection without its being followed up by treatment, which was of no use?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-
"I do not know what the Hon. Member means by 'new method' and 'old method'. But a scheme is being evolved in consultation with the Surgeon General in the matter."

Mohamed Abdul Salari Sahib Bahadur "In view of the fact that we have now got Swazaj, will Government see that medical inspection is done by Ayurvedic doctors?"

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The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-
"All useful doctors will be utilized."

Sri M.G. Natesa Chettiyar:- "Are the Government aware that while fees are collected no medical inspection is done in board schools?"

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:-
"It is quite possible. If such things are brought to the notice of the Government, they will take action."

Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin:- With reference to the remarks of the Hon. Minister that he did not know what was meant by 'old method' and 'new method', is not the Hon. Minister aware that the old method consisted of merely medical examination of the pupils without its being followed up by treatment, whereas the new method envisaged is that the person examined should be subjected to treatment as has been recommended by the Bhore Committee?

The Hon. Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar:- Every effort will be made to follow up medical examination with treatment as recommended by the Bhore Committee".

The question has been answered on 15-10-47. Please see the supplementary questions and the answer thereto on 23-24 pp e.f. above. No action is necessary on the supplementaries.

The papers may be recorded.

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